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## **ALDERMEN DO PHONE TRUST BIDDING**

**Arrange Ordinance as Wanted by Bell and Automatic**

**Attorneys—May Cost Chicago Citizens Millions**

**—Morning Papers Mum.**

Reporters for all Chicago daily newspapers were in council gas-oil committee room yesterday afternoon. They took back to their offices complete news reports on what happened. But not a line is printed in the morning papers on official city business of yesterday which may in the end cost the people of Chicago millions of dollars. Action of the committee consisted of amendment and discussion of the Automatic phone ordinance. If it passes council J. Ogden Armour and the finan-

ciars and manipulators of the tunnel phone company will be washed clean of responsibility for an enterprise that has sold bonds and stocks above \$30,000,000. At the same time the billion-dollar Bell phone trust, American Telephone & Telegraph Co., will gobble a competitor, block municipal ownership and grab potential patent rights worth tens and maybe hundreds of millions.

Summary of action before the committee:

The phrase "fair value" was struc-